

CELEBRATING THE CENTER FOR  
VOLUNTEER AND NONPROFIT  
EXCELLENCE 50TH ANNIVER-  
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**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Excellence on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 5, 2014.

For the last five decades, the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL) has advanced nonprofits and volunteerism by strengthening leadership, encouraging innovation and empowering individuals to develop a vital and engaged community. CVNL is committed to creating a stronger nonprofit sector and a more engaged community by offering comprehensive leadership programs, organizing community fundraisers, coordinating volunteer opportunities, and providing many other resources and services.

The Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership is a community treasure, and Marin County has benefitted greatly from this organization's many years of fostering volunteerism and supporting the nonprofit sector. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to CVNL, and congratulations on fifty years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 75TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Syracuse Housing Authority, celebrating its 75th Anniversary in providing quality, affordable housing to the residents of Syracuse.

Established as one of the first housing authorities in the nation, the Syracuse Housing Authority opened the doors to its first development, Pioneer Homes, in 1938. This development began the continued success of the Syracuse Housing Authority, which now owns and manages 15 housing developments and over 2,500 apartments throughout the City of Syracuse.

The Syracuse Housing Authority provides a home to over 15,000 individuals and families, while also supporting the health and well-being of its residents. Opportunities are available for residents of the Syracuse Housing Authority for education, medical services and homeownership.

Under the leadership of Director Bill Simmons, the Syracuse Housing Authority cares deeply about its role as a leader in the City of Syracuse and provides safe, affordable housing to many members in our community, from young families to those neighbors who are elderly or living with disabilities.

Aside from a place to call home, the Syracuse Housing Authority also offers a variety of programs to its residents to promote educational achievement, economic independence

and job training. The Syracuse Housing Authority assists residents pursue their ambitions, building a stronger community for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and commend the Syracuse Housing Authority on its 75th Anniversary of public service to our community. I look forward to its continued legacy and the exciting things yet to come from this outstanding organization.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN GERRAL K.  
DAVID

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On April 4, 2014 Captain Gerral K. David will relinquish his command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey and retire from the Navy later this year.

Public service careers are often measured by either their long duration or some particularly distinguished accomplishment. The measure of Captain David's career invariably involves both. His Navy career will extend to thirty years by the time he retires. And each of those years was marked by distinguished service.

Captain David grew up in Conroe, Texas. In 1984, he graduated from the Naval Academy and began his Naval career as a flight officer. His early career took him many places, including deployments to Sigonella, Sicily, Bermuda, as well as numerous Special Project detachments throughout the Atlantic Fleet. He later served aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* during various deployments in the Pacific that included the support of operations in Somalia and Iraq. Other flight assignments took him to Diego Garcia, and Japan. In 2002, Captain David assumed command of Patrol Squadron 46, based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Under Captain David's command, the "Golden Swordsmen," won numerous unit awards and commendations, as well as deploying after 2003, to help support the U.S. war efforts in Iraq.

Interspersed with his flight commands, Captain David took on various shore duties. Early on, he served as a recruitment officer in Houston. In 1997, he assumed duties as the Flag Secretary for the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2007, Captain David took command of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Under Captain David's command, the Navy recognized Team Whidbey as the top Naval Air Station three years in a row and awarded it with a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Then in 2010, Captain David took command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey. In essence, he became the city manager for the naval facilities that house the Naval Postgraduate School, the Navy's Fleet meteorology forecasting and research center, and a variety of other U.S. Navy shore functions. And it is in this capacity that I have come to know Captain David. He has helped steer several significant new construction projects to completion and has deftly managed his facilities relationship with the surrounding communities. He never fails to combine an understanding of the issue at hand with a deft personal diplomacy.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in extending our most sincere gratitude

for Captain David's service to our Nation. The United States is a more secure and fruitful place as a consequence of his efforts. I want to wish Captain David and his wife Anne all the best as they transition from active duty to continued public service in what will surely be an active and fruitful retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED COMMISSIONER JIM WILLIAMSON

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Commissioner Jim Williamson, who passed away on April 2, 2014. Throughout his long and distinguished career in public service, Jim served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. All those who have been blessed by his presence mourn the loss of a great man and accomplished public servant.

A life-long native resident of Santa Rosa County, Florida, Jim graduated from Milton High School in 1964. He enjoyed a four-year professional baseball career with the St. Louis Cardinals, before establishing his own business, Williamson Electrical Co., Inc., in Northwest Florida.

In 1977, Jim began his career in public service when he was elected as a member of the Milton City Council, where he served until 1985. He then continued his dedicated service to the community when he won a seat on the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in 1996. Thanks to his leadership and strong work ethic, Jim achieved rapid success, and he was re-elected without opposition in 2000. He then went on to serve as Chairman of the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners until his recent retirement just days ago.

Jim served Santa Rosa County with the utmost integrity. During his time in office, he contributed greatly to the growth of Santa Rosa County and worked tirelessly to promote economic and cultural growth as well as fiscal accountability. His efforts included streamlining the building permit and inspection process, enhancing recreational opportunities for Santa Rosa County residents, constructing county buildings, and implementing safety improvements at Peter Prince Airport. His achievements did not go unrecognized, as he received several accolades, most notably the God in Government award and Santa Rosa County Chamber Leader of the Year. Aside from his leadership in Santa Rosa County, Jim was actively involved in many other aspects of the community, including coaching youth athletics and worshipping the Lord at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Throughout his life, Jim served his community with humility. For more than twenty years, I have had the privilege of working closely with him on a bevy of issues that affected Santa Rosa County and the entire Florida Gulf Coast. Jim represented everything that is great about Santa Rosa County. There is no question he will be remembered as a man of unquestionable character, unwavering resolve and unmatched determination. To his family